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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
Hugget et al.

Examiner
Rajnikant Patel

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 21, 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-17 and 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Levran et al.(U.S. Patent # 5,047,910).

Levran et al. discloses claimed invention a power distribution system comprising: an AC power source; a power bus connected to the AC power source; a capacitor bank shunt-connected to the power bus; the active filter including an inverter, an inverter control and current sensors, each current sensor sensing current flowing through a corresponding capacitor of the capacitor bank, the inverter control, in response to the current sensors, controlling the inverter to inject harmonic current into the power bus (figure 1, and column line, 40-70).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 18-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gunnarsson et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,115,269) in combination with Bhattacharya et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,513,090).

Gunnarsson et al. discloses claimed invention an active filter (figure 1-5), except the utilization of technique for controlling the injecting inverter to inject harmonic currents into the power bus.

Bhattacharya et al. teaches the utilization of technique for controlling the injecting inverter to inject harmonic currents into the power bus column 9, line 1-10). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Gunnarsson et al.'s reference converter circuit by utilizing the technique of Bhattacharya et al.'s teaching for the purpose of providing a hybrid series active, parallel passive, power conditioner for unbalanced load, passive filter and source conditions.

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Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. DeDoncker (U.S. Patent # 5,648,894), Peterson et al. (U.S. Patent # 4,053,820), Gyugyi et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,198,746) Henniger et al. (U.S. Patent # 3,935,551) and Takeda et al. (U.S. Patent # 4,812,669).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communications or earlier from the examiner should be directed to Raj. Patel whose telephone number is (703) 305-7042. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

R. B. Patel

December 24, 2001

Rajiv D. Patel
(Primary Examiner)